

MARKETS TODAY.

Moderate Demand Creates Firmness in Wheat. Scarcity of Offerings Makes Corn Steady.

LIVE STOCK TRADE.

Cattle Are Steady and the Receipts Small. Many Hogs on Market—Bulk at \$4.65 to \$4.90.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—WHEAT—A moderate demand from commission houses for July wheat created a firm undertone in that market today. The opening May was unchanged to a decline at 1/2 cent, and was unchanged to 1/2 cent lower at \$1.15 1/2.

CORN—Scarcity of offerings gave a firm tone to the corn market. May opened unchanged to a shade higher, at 45 1/2 cents, and sold up to 46 1/2 cents.

CATTLE—Many oaks opened unchanged, at 10 1/2 cents, and advanced to 10 3/4 cents. PROVISIONS—May pork and lard were unchanged, at \$12.75 and \$6.50 respectively.

WHEAT—Cash: No. 2 red, \$1.17; No. 3 red, \$1.16 1/2; No. 2 hard, \$1.16 1/2; No. 3 hard, \$1.16 1/2; No. 1 northern, \$1.17; No. 2 northern, \$1.16 1/2; No. 3 spring, \$1.16 1/2.

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KEEP THEM UP.

Senator Waggener's Civil Service Bill Passes Senate. Would Resuscitate State Institutions From Politics.

VOTE WAS ONE SIDED.

Twenty-five for the Measure, 7 Against.

EMPLOYEES ENTITLED TO A HEARING BEFORE DISCHARGED.

By what started out to be a close vote before the senators changed their votes, Senator Waggener's civil service bill was passed by the senate Monday afternoon by a vote of 25 to 7.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the governing board of trustees or directors of the institutions hereinafter named to forthwith formulate rules and regulations for the selection of persons to be employed in such institutions as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. No person shall be removed from his or her office, position or employment in any institution hereinafter named without a hearing and charges with regard thereto to be made in writing, filed with and heard by the governing board of such institution.

Section 3. This act shall apply to the state hospitals for the treatment of the insane, the state school for feeble-minded youth, the school for the blind, the school for the deaf, the school for the orphans, the girls' industrial school, the state reformatory, the state penitentiary, and all other charitable and penal institutions of the state of Kansas.

Section 4. The vote on the bill was as follows: Yeas—Benson, Betts, Blake, Chapman, Dolley, Fitzpatrick, Fulton, Gilbert, Griffin, Haskell, Hayden, Hodges, Hunsicker, Nott, Nott, Packard, Crawford, Quincy, Simons, Smith, Edwards, Smith of Franklin, Stillings, Waggener, Wilkerson, Young.

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DONT LIKE NIGHT SESSIONS.

Proposes to Debate With Him for Benefit of Journalists' Home. Gets After Eckles in March Number of Frenzied Finance.

HE SAYS UP RESULTS.

Assumes Credit for Much That Has Happened Recently.

REFERS TO KANSAS AND SAYS: "GOD BLESS HER."

Boston, Mass., Feb. 21.—Thomas W. Lawson has issued an open letter to James M. Beck, ex-assistant attorney general of the United States, now counsel and chief operator for the Standard Oil company, and the "system" in which he says:

"Mr. Beck, last February you came to Boston as counsel for Henry H. Rogers, and on the eve of the gas trial in the Massachusetts supreme court, where I was present, you were proposed to me as a man to 'match up' my testimony. I refused shortly after 'Frenzied Finance' began and you and James H. Eckles, ex-comptroller of the currency of the United States, now representative of the 'System' in the west, were selected to sling mud at me at public dinners and banquets, he in the west, you in the east. You have both been industriously at it whenever you knew it was safe, that is, whenever you were sure I could not answer you, and now tonight at the dinner of the Boston Life Underwriters' association here in Boston you are again unitedly attacking me with your mud guns.

"The legislative dance, which is being arranged, will be held Thursday night at the Elks' club, instead of Wednesday night.

"This morning at 10 o'clock the house took up Getty's bill requiring all railroads to stop their trains at Kansas City, Kas.

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The senate took up Representative Barlow's bill providing that in every county in the state of Kansas in which one or more school districts or cities of less than 16,000 inhabitants shall have maintained high schools with courses of instruction admitting students who complete the same to the freshman class of the college of liberal arts and sciences of the University of Kansas, the state commissioner shall levy a tax each year of not less than one-fourth of a mill nor more than three mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of taxable property within such counties for the purpose of creating a general high school fund.

The senate amended the bill before passing it to the committee on Education. The bill as passed by the house provided that the provisions of the bill might be adopted either by a majority vote of the members of the senate or by a petition signed by a majority of the electors who voted for the county superintendent at the preceding election. The senate struck out the referendum by petition clause.

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Some bills to which there was no serious opposition were passed. The Hutchings drainage bill, which is a document of about 5 pages and provides for some radical changes in the present method of raising money for the construction of dikes, drains, etc., to prevent overflows of rivers, was passed.

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